

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
November 14, 2012**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Hanna Crouse, Meredith Hauser (YAC), Lily Holm (YAC), Kerry Kielbasa, Mark McDermott, Michele Psutka, Chief Rosensweig, Shirley Ryan, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Michele Psutka, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (8-0-0) to accept the minutes of October 10, 2012 as written.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The GPC met last Monday and continued the process begun at the retreat the month before. The meeting focused on brainstorming on action plans for the school year, marketing goals to the community and the need to fundraise.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- Ms. Cox reported that the counselors' caseloads are presently full.
- Collaboration with the schools is continuing and the boys and girls groups at the middle school have started.
- Ms. Cox was asked to serve on the school climate committee.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- Lily Holm reported that the sixth grade dance was held on November 2nd with a Halloween theme. There were 125 kids in attendance and it was very successful.
- Meredith Hauser reported that YAC is providing 'safe zone' stickers for the middle school. The purpose of the stickers is to promote a message of tolerance. Teachers will place the sticker on their door which means the teacher is available to talk about any issues a student may have. The YAC students will meet with Mr. MacDonald to develop a plan to inform students what the stickers represent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Donna Snyder gave an update on the sub-committee that is gathering information on transportation for after-school activities. She met with Paul Osypuk who didn't feel there was a huge need but suggested surveying students and parents to get a better idea. Ms. Snyder will meet with Dr. Law after Thanksgiving. She will also get information on billing costs but believes it is approximately \$40 to \$50 per bus per trip. Ms. Cox stated she got input from parents of middle schoolers who feel there are not enough activities for that age group. There was a lengthy discussion on how to proceed and what information is needed, i.e. how many students participate in after school activities, what activities are available, is there a need for transportation and would parents be willing to pay for it, etc. Some of the ideas included possibly surveying students and/or parents but it also needs to be clear that this is not a BOE endeavor. Ms. Kielbasa suggested if it is decided to move forward, it should start as a pilot project with the middle school. Donna Snyder will schedule a sub-committee meeting before the next YSB meeting in January.
- Ms. Kielbasa reported that the GPC Governance Committee is recommending not applying for the Drug Free Community grant in 2013 but possibly in 2014.
- The Budget Committee of the Granby Community Fund approved funding for the Search Institute survey. Final approval is still needed from the GCF Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Jack Cashman, seconded by Mark McDermott, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 4:57 p.m.

Please note that there will not be a meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary